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SUBJ NEW EGG MARKETING AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

REFS A) OTTAWA 2493, 7/5/75

B) OTTAWA A-362, 6/5/75

1. NEW AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH CENTRAL EGG MARKETING AGENCY (CEMA) HAS CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF EGG PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND PRICES ANNOUNCED JULY 4 BY MINAG WHELAN.

2. IMPORT CONTROLS BECAME EFFECTIVE MIDNITE JULY 4. IMPORTS NOW REQUIRE IMPORT LICENSES AND WE ASSUME BORDER IS CLOSED PENDING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES BY ITC TO TRADITIONAL IMPORTERS. WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT VOID OF DETAILS, AGATT INFORMED THAT QUOTA FORMULA, WHICH BASED ON 69/73 AVERAGE PLUS 20 PERCENT, PRODUCES FOLLOWING QUOTAS.

A. SHELL EGGS. CY 75 QUOTA 54,000 CASES 30 DOZEN.

NOTE: THIS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN FORMULA DUE ROUNDING TO EQUIVALENT OF 72 TRUCK LOADS. BALANCE FOR JULY/DEC IS 36,000 CASES. QUOTA FOR JULY IS

3,750 CASES LESS 4 DAYS OR 3,250 CASES. QUOTAS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONTHLY. B. POWDERED EGGS. CY 75 QUOTA 84,360 CASES 30 DOZEN SHELL EGG EQUIVALENT,

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TO BE ISSUED QUARTERLY. JULY 4/SEPT. 30 QUOTA IS

20,153 CASES; OCT/DEC QUOTA 21,090 CASES. C. FROZEN
MELANGE. CY 75 QUOTA 57,060 CASES 30 DOZEN SHELL
EGG EQUIVALENT. JULY 4/SEPT 30 QUOTA IS 13,631
CASES OCT/DEC QUOTA 14,265 CASES. D. IMPORT LICENSES
WILL BE ISSUED TO TRADITIONAL IMPORTERS AGAINST QUOTAS.
SHELL EGGS MONTHLY. PROCESSED QUARTERLY. IMPORTER
CAN CARRY OVER UNUSED PORTION TO NEXT MONTH FOR EGGS
AND NET QUARTER FOR PROCESSED EGGS. HOWEVER, NO
CARRYOVER WILL BE ALLOWED FROM DEC OR OCT/DEC QUARTER.

3. WHILE FINAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN PENDING ON A
DAY-TO-DAY BASIS FOR THE PAST MONTH, QUESTIONS WERE APPARENTLY
RESOLVED ON JULY 3. ALBERTA WAS REPORTED TO BE THE LONE
HOLDOUT. ON JULY 2 MINAG SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION
IN COMMONS RE STATUS OF CEMA "...ALL PROVINCES HAVE NOT
SIGNED THE AGREEMENT; ONE STILL HAS TO SIGN. ALL PRODUCER
GROUPS HAVE SIGNED IN ALL TEN PROVINCES AND I AM
SUPPOSED TO TALK TO THE OTHER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
WHO HAS NOT SIGNED AT THREE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON."
QUESTIONER THEN ASKED WHETHER GOC HAD DISCUSSED PROPOSED
IMPORT CONTROLS WITH U.S. AND WHAT MESSAGE HAD BEEN
RECEIVED ABOUT POSSIBLE "RETALIATORY ACTION" BY
U.S. WHELAN REPLIED: "UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, AS LONG AS PROPER SUPPLY-MANAGEMENT
POLICIES ARE IN FORCE IN A COUNTRY WHEN IT IMPOSES
CONTROLS, THERE IS NO RETALIATORY ACTION THAT OTHER
COUNTRIES CAN TAKE. THAT IS WHY I WANT TO IMPLEMENT
SUCH POLICIES BEFORE WE IMPOSE BORDER CONTROLS."

4. TURKEY IMPORT QUOTA FOR JULY 1975 IS 189,000
LBS., BASIS OLD FORMULA AND SAME AS JULY 74. IMPORT/EXPORT
DIVISION OF ITC, WHICH ANNOUNCES QUOTAS HAS NOT RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIFT TO NEW FORMULA.
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